

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification as follows.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 5 as follows:

--Fig. 3 illustrates the digital television system from Fig. 2 enhanced with an umber of security devices. For reasons of better readability, broadcast transmission features from Fig. 2 have been replaced by a dotted arrow 200 in Fig. ~~[[2]]~~ 3. A conditional access system 201 is connected to the multiplexer 101. A further component of conditional access 202 is connected to the receiver decoder 102. The conditional access system 201 and the further component of conditional access 202 enable a secured access in the receiver decoder 102 to digital television services broadcast by one or many broadcast suppliers. The further component of conditional access 202 is completed by a daughter smartcard 203 that is inserted into an appropriate location of the receiver decoder 102. The daughter smartcard 203 carries information required to descramble scrambled messages related to available commercial offers. The information may comprise subscription rights, one or more exploitation keys extracted from received EMMs and one or more control words extracted from ECMs. Using the daughter smartcard 203 it is possible to purchase commercial offers by way of subscription or pay per view.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 11, as follows:

--Referring again to Fig. 3, the SAS 204 receives and processes messages from the SMS 205. The SAS 204 generates messages acknowledging receipt of the messages generated by the SMS ~~204~~ 205 and passes these acknowledgement messages to the ~~SAS~~ SMS 205.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 20, as follows:

--The receiver decoder 102 is sometimes also referred to as a Set Top Box (STB). The receiver decoder 102 comprises a central processor 500 including associated memory elements. The central processor 500 is adapted to receive input data from a serial interface 501, a parallel interface 502, a modem 503 and switch contacts 504 located on a panel of the receiver decoder ~~500~~ 102.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 3, as follows:

--The ~~decoder~~ receiver decoder ~~500~~ 102 further comprises a conventional tuner 511 and a demodulator 512 to receive and demodulate the broadcast signal before processing by the demultiplexer/descrambler 510.--